

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A blade assembly, comprising

a shank and

a bit head,

wherein the shank comprises elements for mounting the bit head, wherein the bit head comprises at least one disk-shaped bit member, which rotates during a drilling/boring operation and which has an outer rim thereof working as an actual cutting face in drilling/boring, and wherein the at least one bit member is disposed at an angle of less than 45° relative to a drilled surface, wherein the at least one bit member is adapted to have a flexible attachment to the shank, wherein the flexible attachment to the shank enables self-adjustment of its cutting angle.

2. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shank comprises a structure, which projects in two or more directions, the blade assembly further comprising:

arm elements projecting laterally from the shank in a substantially horizontal plane, the arm elements being shaped such that the angle of each bit member lies within the range of 5-30° relative to the drilled surface, wherein and which has the at least one bit member mounted on the its arm elements in a dismountable fashion, the blade assembly further comprising: arm elements projecting laterally from the shank in a substantially horizontal plane, the arm elements being shaped such that the angle of each bit member lies within the range of 5-30° relative to the

drilled surface.

3. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one bit member comprises on the cutting face a drilling enhancing member configured to enhance ~~means (4) for enhancing the drilling action, such as a corrugation, a serration and/or the like, present on its cutting face (2a')~~.

4. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, 2, wherein the bit head comprises a pilot-hole boring central drill, which is coupled to the shank and the at least one bit member, which is disposed on at least one arm element coupled to the shank and which drills the outer edge for a hole to be bored/drilled.

5. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one bit member has an inclination angle of 14.5° ~~and/or an incidence/cutting angle of 15°~~.

6. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the shank comprises an adjuster configured to adjust a means for adjusting the distance of the at least one bit member with respect to a center axis of the shank.

7. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 6, wherein the adjuster ~~means for adjusting the distance of one or more bit members~~ comprises an elongated attachment hole present in the shank.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one bit member ~~is manufactured in~~ comprises 1.5-3.5 mm gauge sheet steel, which ~~is formed~~ with comprises a cutting face and/or a ~~member configured to enhance~~ means for enhanced drilling by die cutting.

10. (currently amended) The blade assembly according to claim 9, wherein a bevel establishing the cutting face of the bit member member's cutting face is surface ground to an angle of 25°.

11. (previously presented) The blade assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one bit member is mounted on the arm elements of the structure using a screw connection.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) The blade assembly according to claim 4, wherein the bit head comprises a twist bit.

14. (previously presented) The blade assembly according to claim 7, wherein the elongated attachment hole is present in one or more arm elements of the shank.

15. (cancelled)

16. (new) The blade assembly according to claim 3, wherein the drilling enhancing member comprises a corrugation or a serration.

17. (new) The blade assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one bit member has an incidence/cutting angle of 15°.